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1. TA NEA, AFTERNOON SISTER NEWSPAPER OF TO VIMA, CARRIED THE SAME STORY AS THAT IN REF A, ON DECEMBER 16 UNDER THE HEADLINE "ATTICA OR CRETE U.S. BASE FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE." IN RESPONSE TO THE TA NEA STORY, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AVEROFF ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY EVENING CATEGORICALLY DENYING IT AS UNFOUNDED AND INACCURATE IN CLAIMING THAT A NEW AMERICAN BASE FOR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WAS ABOUT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ATTICA OR CRETE.

2. ALL MORNING NEWSPAPERS ON DECEMBER 17 CARRY THE AVEROFF DENIAL. IN ADDITION, MOST MORNING PAPERS ALSO REPORT THE COMMENT BY THE EMBASSY'S SPOKESMAN THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE STORY DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH OUR INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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